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TAGS: CDES, ID (HIRD, THOMAS ARTHUR)  
SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF DEATH

FOR: MR. DOUGLAS H. TRAIL  
3400 CRAIN CREEK ROAD  
BOISE, IDAHO, 83702  
TELEPHONE: (208) 244-9676

1. I DEEPLY REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR SON-IN-LAW THOMAS ARTHUR HIRD. HIS EMPLOYER, MORRISON KNUDSEN INTERNATIONAL, INFORMED THE AMERICAN CONSULATE IN SURABAYA ON 29 MAY OF HIS DEATH AS A RESULT OF INJURIES SUSTAINED DURING A CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENT AT ABOUT 0815 HOURS LOCAL TIME ON 29 MAY IN GRESIK, INDONESIA.

WE ARE NOTIFYING YOU OF THIS TRAGEDY BECAUSE WE DO NOT HAVE AN ADDRESS FOR HIS WIFE, MRS. CYNTHIA HIRD. WE REQUEST THAT YOU CONTACT MRS. HIRD AS SOON AS YOU CAN TO NOTIFY HER OF HER HUSBAND'S DEATH.

2. YOUR SON-IN-LAW HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY OFFICIALS OF MORRISON KNUDSEN INTERNATIONAL WHO KNEW HIM PERSONALLY.

3. THE CONSULATE WILL TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR SON-IN-LAW'S PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WILL WRITE TO MRS. HIRD CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.

4. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE UNCLASSIFIED

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URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. AS LOCAL LAW REQUIRES DISPOSITION OF REMAINS WITHIN 24 HOURS OF DEATH, TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE HERE IN SURABAYA PENDING RECEIPT OF MRS. HIRD'S INSTRUCTIONS. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER MRS. HIRD WISHES TO HAVE HER HUSBAND'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT MORRISON KNUDSEN INTERNATIONAL WILL DEFRAY ALL COSTS OF DISPOSITION, INCLUDING SHIPMENT.

5. AFTER MRS. HIRD HAS MADE HER DECISION, SHE SHOULD TELEGRAM HER INSTRUCTIONS DIRECTLY AND PROMPTLY TO THE AMERICAN CONSULATE, JALAN RAYA DR. SUTOMO NUMBER 33, SURABAYA, INDONESIA. SHE SHOULD INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN HER MESSAGE.

6. MRS. HIRD'S INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE. WE ESTIMATE ABOUT 3 DAYS TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS IF THE REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THE CONSULATE WILL BE FORWARDED TO MRS. HIRD. WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH MORRISON KNUDSEN ON THIS MATTER.

7. PLEASE BE ASSURED OF OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR SORROW.  
AMERICAN CONSUL  
SURABAYA, INDONESIA.  
SHERRY

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